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## NOTIFICATION

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**No.PMA(S)59/2019/29.-** A school uniform can improve learning by reducing distraction, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment, allowing students to perform better academically. Perhaps most importantly, a uniform means students don't have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, there is no competition about being dressed in the latest trend, which would put a great deal of financial pressure on students and parents. Potential bullies have one less target for their insults; it's hard to make fun of what someone is wearing when you're dressed exactly the same.

So, School uniforms are required to be made compulsory for all students since it helps in lessen the social disparities within the school.

Government of Assam have provided free uniform to all students of Class I to VIII, and, now, the free uniform scheme is extended to cover the students of class IX & X from the year 2019- 20.

The Finance Minister, Govt. of Assam has announced in the budget speech in 2019 that the Govt. will provide free uniform to the students of Class IX & X of Govt / Provincialised schools at a cost of Rs. 700/- per year and for which, necessary provision for this has been made in the Budget of Education Department.

### **1. Objectives:**

Secondary Education (Classes IX and X) is a crucial stage in the educational hierarchy as it prepares the students for higher education and also for the world of work. Therefore, it is absolutely essential to strengthen this stage by providing greater access, by improving quality in a significant way and also, by making good quality education available to all students in all schools at affordable cost.

The free uniform scheme will bring in discipline among the students, reduce the dropout of students and increase the retention at Secondary level. It is also beneficial for parents of the core poor and marginalized section for it enables them to save extra cash.

### **2. Scope of Work:**

Free uniforms will be provided to all students studying in class IX & X in the Govt./Provincialised

Secondary and Higher Secondary schools in the state. There are 4146 nos of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools (including High Madrassa) having class IX & X and the enrolment in these classes is 633355 in total including BPL, Tea Garden area, SC-ST categories as per UDISE 2017-18. However, the real time target will be finalized on the basis of enrolment in the schools from the Head Master/ Principals concerned.

### **3. Funding Pattern & Provision:**

Govt. of Assam has a budget provision of Rs. 2500.00 lakh under SOPD-G for providing the uniform for class IX & X students studying in the Govt./Provincilased schools. A cost of Rs. 700/- per student per year is earmarked in the budget 2019-20.

### **4. Challenges:**

State of Assam is habituated by various caste, community, religious, region & ethnicity and accordingly, the dresses of the people are also diversified. Generally, in school also, the Boys are wearing pant & shirt and Girls are wearing mekhela sadar in secondary level, which is also found to be different forms as per the community (Bodo, Kachari, Rabha, Mising, etc.). Girls are also wearing salwar kameez in some schools/madrassa. Due to which, cost of the uniform will differ depending upon such dress code.

### **5. General points:**

5.1 Each student will be provided two pairs of good quality uniforms @ Rs. 700/- per student.

5.2 The quality paramaters for uniform as provided by Assam Textile Institute, Guwahati (**Enclosed herewith at Annexure - I**) will be adhered to.

### **6. Procurement and Delivery:** The following issues must be taken into consideration in procuring the uniforms.:

6.1 Purchase & distribution of uniforms shall be done in a decentralized manner through the concerned SMDC.

6.2 Procurement of uniforms shall be made following due procedure as per the Notification.

6.3 A meeting of the SMDCs is to be convened to finalise the design of Uniform and prepare the order accordingly as per size of each student with proper measurement following the Govt norms. Resolution of the meeting on the same must be recorded clearly and maintained. SMDC will have to collect the measurment of the uniforms for each student of the school well in advance.

6.4 The school should invite quotations from at least three suppliers to ensure competitive prices. The schools will have to issue letters to the prospective suppliers indicating the description, specification colour, quantity required (separately for boys and girls) and the time frame for delivery. There shall be specific indication in the invitation for quotation that only firms registered under competent authority/agency can participate in the bidding process and the bidders must submit sample cloth/uniforms along with the quotation.

6.5 The purchase order should be issued to the lowest evaluated responsive bidder by incorporating accepted terms. The orders should be placed as per the specific proforma only, to be signed jointly by the President and the Member Secretary of the SMDC.

6.6 Bidding process must be completed within the prescribed schedule from the IS of the district.

6.7 The measurement of each student that collected earlier will be handed over to the approved firm alongwith the order letter.



**7. Implementation Mechanism:**

As per the Govt. order, RMSA (Samagra Shiksha), Assam will be the implementing agency of the scheme. The following strategies will be adopted for implementing the scheme:

(I) A State level committee will be constituted for finalization of the beneficiary of the scheme, district/ category wise allocation of funds, quantity & quality of uniforms and procedure of procurement of the uniform. The committee will be responsible for preparation of the detail specification of the uniforms for boys and Girls as per existing practices. The State Level Committee will constitute as follows:

1.	Commissioner & Secretary, Secondary Education	Chairperson
2.	Mission Director, RMSA (Samagra Shiksha)	Member Secretary
3.	Director, Secondary Education	Member
4.	Director, SCERT	Member
5.	Director, Handloom & Textile	Member
6.	Secretary, SEBA	Member
7.	OSD, RMSA	Member
8.	CAO, RMSA (Samagra Shiksha)	Member
9.	President/ Secretary, HS teachers Association (State)	Member

(II) A District Level Committee will be constituted for timely implementation, monitoring, quality control & finalization of actual beneficiary which is as follows:

1.	Deputy Commissioner ( Principal Secretary, Education in case of 6 <sup>th</sup> schedule districts).	Chairperson
2.	Inspector of Schools/District Programme Co-ordinator, RMSA	Member Secretary
3.	DEEO	Member
4.	Principal, DIET/ CTE/ IASE/Normal school	Member
5.	Regional Secretary, SEBA	Member
6.	President/ Secretary, Academic Council	Member
7.	President/ Secretary, HS teachers Association (District)	Member
8.	FAO, Samagra Shiksha	Member

(III) Responsibilities of School Management & Development Committee (SMDC)

- i. Requirement of uniforms will be finalized in a meeting of SMDCs to be organized for this purpose.
- ii. The requirement of uniforms will be submitted to DPC.
- iii. Funds will be released to the SMDC's Accounts of the school by way of Bank transfer from RMSA (Samagra Shiksha) directly as per requirement of the IS/ DPC.
- iv. Head Master/Principal will procure the uniform with prior approval of SMDC. SMDC will select vendors/ suppliers at local level maintaining due procedure.
- v. Head Master/Principal will distribute uniform to enrolled students in presence of parents/guardians and SMDCs members. He/she will obtain a receipt of acknowledgement from parents/guardians in prescribed format.
- vi. The quality of the uniforms should be as per approved specifications. No deviation will be allowed.
- vii. Head Master/Principal & Member Secretary of SMDC will make the payment to the Supplier against the items through NEFT/RTGS upon receipt of due acknowledgement from parents/guardians and full satisfaction of the SMDC.
- viii. No payment will be made in cash.
- ix. All records pertaining to procurement, issue of uniforms, distribution and payment details should be maintained properly by the Head Master/Principal and same be retained for the purpose of audit/review.
- x. Proper accounting must be made at the SMDC level.
- xi. Unspent balances against the funds of uniforms, if any, should be refunded to the IS/ DPC within the same financial year who in turn will credit the same in SMO, RMSA (Samagra Shiksha) Accounts.
- xii. The ISs/ DPCs will initiate the disciplinary action against the Head Masters/ Principals, if the scheme is not implemented, any violation of the guidelines, misuse of funds, not maintaining the specific quality of the cloths as specified etc. In such case, the ISs/ DPCs will initiate the process for dissolving the SMDC also.

**8. Review & Reporting:**

8.1 The Mission Director, RMSA (Samagra Shiksha), Assam will review the implementation of the scheme with the ISS/ DPCs from time to time. Accordingly, the ISS/ DPCs will also review the implementation of scheme with the Head Masters/ Principals on regular basis till completion of the scheme.

8.2 The SMDCs will have to report the status of the uniform procured and fund utilized through the Reporting App developed by MHRD, Govt of India.

8.3 The IS/ DPCs will also have to submit report on the same to Mission Director, RMSA (Samagra Shiksha), Assam in the prescribed format as and when required.

**9. Technical Specifications of the Uniforms for Secondary level:**

The gender wise category of uniforms for the students are as below-

**9.1 Uniforms for Girls :**

- a. Salwar and Kamiz
- b. Half sleeve shirt/ full sleeve shirt and Skirts
- c. Mekhela Sadar/ Dokhona

**9.2 Uniforms for Boys :**

- d. Half sleeve shirt/ full sleeve shirt and long pant
- e. Kurta and Pajama
- f. Dhoti and Kurta

(The materials should be as per IS 15852 : 2009 and IS 15853:2009)

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Secondary Education Department.

## Annexure-I

QUALITY PARAMETERS FOR UNIFORM

1. GENDER	: (Male & Female)
AGE	: UP 8 YEARS
DRESS	: (For Boys & Girls) Half sleeve shirt
Season	: Summer
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION (IS: 15833: 2009)	: Polyester Banded Woven Suiting for uniform (IS: 15833: 2009) (i) Count of warp & weft - (20 to 22) (30s/2) (ii) Threads /dm (decimeter) (A) warp-260 (+5%, -2.5%) (B) Weft 190 (+5%, -2.5%) (iii) Mass g/m <sup>2</sup> -190 (+5%, -2.5%) (iv) Polyester /Viscose-67/33 (+3) (v) Breaking strength (i) Warpway-880 Newton (ii) Weftway-640 Newton (vi) Color fastness- Light-5, Washing - 4 *Seams: French seams, for armhole if yoke is present, then top stitch is required *For patch pocket lapped seam is required *Reactive/ Vat dyed fabric should be preferably used for colored uniform.
GARMENT CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION:	
2. GENDER	: (Male & Female)
AGE	: UP 8 YEARS
DRESS	: (For Boys & Girls) Full sleeve shirt
Season	: Winter
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION (IS: 15833: 2009)	: Polyester Banded Woven Suiting for uniform (IS: 15833: 2009) (i) Count of warp & weft - (20 to 22) (30s/2) (ii) Threads /dm (decimeter) (A) warp-260 (+5%, -2.5%) (B) Weft 190 (+5%, -2.5%) (iii) Mass g/m <sup>2</sup> -190 (+5%, -2.5%) (iv) Polyester /Viscose-67/33 (+3) (v) Breaking strength (i) Warpway-880 Newton (ii) Weftway-640 Newton (vi) Color fastness- Light-5, Washing - 4 *Seams: French seams, for armhole if yoke is present, then top stitch is required *For patch pocket lapped seam is required. For cuff top seam is required. *Reactive/ Vat dyed fabric should be preferably used for colored uniform.
GARMENT CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION:	



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